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Congressional Hearings about Flint

[Top House Oversight Dem accuses Snyder of contradiction](#)

By Chad Livengood & Jonathan Oosting, Detroit News 04/07/16 5:45 PM

The top Democrat on the U.S. House Oversight and Government Reform Committee accused Gov. Rick Snyder Thursday of making contradictory testimony before the panel about his administration's cooperation with Flint Mayor Karen Weaver in the city's water contamination crisis.

[Congress to probe Flint crisis at upcoming hearing](#)

By Matthew Dolan and Kathleen Gray, Detroit Free Press 04/07/16 5:03 PM

Congress is set to hold another hearing on the Flint water crisis as the city continues to wrestle with a state of emergency that has kept residents from drinking tap water for months. U.S. Rep. Fred Upton, R-St. Joseph, will hold a hearing on Wednesday to try and learn about the infrastructure issues in Flint and look at the short and long-term health implications of the city's lead contaminated water on residents.

[Top House Dem Says Michigan Governor May Have Lied During Flint Testimony](#)

By Chris White, Daily Caller 04/07/16 4:58 PM

The ranking member of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee alleged Republican Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder may have perjured himself during congressional testimony on the Flint water scandal. Maryland Democrat Rep. Elijah Cummings sent Snyder a letter Thursday expressing concern the governor lied under oath when he claimed he is working with officials such as Flint Mayor Karen Weaver, a Democrat.

Maryland congressman says he has grave concerns about governor's response to Flint crisis

By Steve Carmody, Michigan Radio 04/07/16 3:43 PM

Gov. Rick Snyder is once again being criticized by a top congressional Democrat. In a letter sent to the governor this week, Maryland Congressman Elijah Cummings says he has grave concerns about the governor's recent congressional testimony on the crisis.

Lawmaker has 'grave concerns' about testimony of Michigan governor on Flint water crisis

By Stephanie Akin, Times Record 04/07/16 2:21 PM

Maryland Democrat Elijah E. Cummings questioned Thursday whether Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder gave false testimony when he told Congress last month he was working with local officials to address the Flint water crisis. Cummings wrote in a sharply worded letter that, contrary to Snyder's sworn testimony during a March 17 Oversight Committee hearing, he excluded Flint Mayor Karen Weaver and other local officials from his administration's official plan, released later that day, to provide clean water to Flint residents.

House Energy panel plans Flint water hearing

By Keith Laing, Detroit News 04/07/16 1:48 PM

A House committee led by Michigan's senior Republican congressman is planning to hold a new hearing on the Flint water crisis after a pair of contentious meetings in Washington last month. The House Energy and Commerce Committee, led by Rep. Fred Upton, R-St. Joseph, is scheduled to meet Wednesday to discuss "impacts and lessons learned" from the Flint water crisis.

Michigan Governor Cornered on Flint Plans

By Tim Ryan, Courthouse News Service 04/07/16 1:44 PM

The top House Democrat investigating Flint, Michigan's water crisis accused Gov. Rick Snyder on Thursday of being dishonest in his sworn congressional testimony. U.S. Rep. Elijah Cummings laid out the allegations in a nine-page letter this morning to the governor of Michigan, three weeks to the day of Snyder's appearance before the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

Congressman questions accuracy of Gov. Snyder's Flint water crisis testimony

By Ron Fonger, MLIVE 04/07/16 12:42 PM

U.S. Rep. Elijah E. Cummings is questioning the accuracy of testimony given by Gov. Rick Snyder at a Congressional hearing on the Flint water crisis last month. In a letter to Snyder today, April 7, Cummings, the ranking minority member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, said the governor's comments about his willingness to work with Mayor Karen Weaver and others "to deliver the assistance our citizens deserve" don't appear to be accurate.

Lead Pipe Replacement & Water Filters

In lead crises, water-filter maker sees opportunity

By Diane Mastrull, Philadelphia Inquirer for Detroit News 04/07/16 6:20 PM

Drip by drip, disclosures about unsafe levels of lead in drinking water have been made in U.S. cities and towns, prompting alarm and outrage. At one Philadelphia-area company, those findings have been met with a respectful sense of opportunity.

Roads got priority over pipes, other infrastructure says Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder

By Emily Lawler, MLIVE 04/07/16 1:46 PM

Gov. Rick Snyder on Thursday addressed the Lansing Regional Chamber Economic Club, calling for a re-boot on how the state addresses education, infrastructure and ultimately its economy. If he'd been here a year ago, he said, he would have been talking about roads. With a long-term road plan in place, now he's talking about what's underground -- the kind of aging infrastructure that contributed to a water crisis in Flint.

On replacing lead pipes, Michigan working out of Virginia Tech playbook

Garrett Ellison, MLIVE 04/07/16 9:41 AM

As crews pull lead service lines from the ground in Flint, state officials are looking at other Michigan cities and pondering the cost and hurdles of replacing lead pipes in cities like Detroit, Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids.

Governor Snyder

Calley email dismissed lawmaker's Flint River claims

By Chad Livengood & Jonathan Oosting, Detroit News 04/07/16 7:10 PM

Lt. Gov. Brian Calley and other top officials in Gov. Rick Snyder's office were dismissive in early January of a Democratic Flint lawmaker's claim that state-appointed emergency managers tapped the Flint River as a temporary water source "unbeknownst to the city council."

Snyder: Career civil servants at fault in Flint

By Steven R. Reed, Lansing State Journal 04/07/16 5:02 PM

Gov. Rick Snyder pushed familiar themes to a receptive audience Thursday, calling for financial and public support to address infrastructure, education and economic challenges and blaming career civil servants for creating the Flint water crisis.

Why Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder won't resign

By Emily Lawler, MLIVE 04/07/16 4:06 PM

Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder's office has long maintained that he will not resign over the Flint water crisis, and he personally gave some insight as to why in response to reporter questions Thursday.

'Intentional scheme': Racketeering lawsuit takes aim at Michigan governor over Flint crisis

By RT 04/07/16 4:29 PM

Michigan Governor Rick Snyder, other state officials and the City of Flint have been targeted by hundreds of Flint residents in a new federal racketeering lawsuit stemming from the city's water crisis. The 17-count complaint filed in US District Court charges that Snyder, state departments and the city "conspired to, and for approximately two years did, intentionally and knowingly misrepresent the suitability and safety of the Flint River to Flint's residents on a repeated basis."

Residents file suit against Mich. Gov. Rick Snyder, several other city and state officials over 'poisoned drinking water'

By Reuters for New York Daily News 04/07/16 1:09 PM

More than 400 residents of Flint, Mich., on Wednesday filed a racketeering lawsuit against Governor Rick Snyder and several local and state officials over the contamination of the city's drinking water with dangerously high levels of lead. The class action, filed in U.S. District Court in Flint, charged that Snyder and other officials enacted a "wrongful scheme to solve Flint's fiscal problem by selling Flint residents poisoned drinking water" in order to balance the city's financial books. A federal judge must certify a class.

MICHIGAN GOVERNOR RICK SNYDER BEING SUED OVER FLINT

By Lucey Westcott, Newsweek 04/07/16 12:48 PM

Hundreds of Flint, Michigan residents filed a racketeering lawsuit against the state's governor on Wednesday amid claims that the city's water crisis was part of an "intentional scheme" created by state officials to save money. For more than two years, Flint's drinking water has been contaminated with lead, causing health problems for residents. Attorneys for the approximately 400 residents included in the suit said Governor Rick Snyder and other state officials knew the water was contaminated, but "wanted to save money" by switching the city's water supply to the Flint River in April 2014 after using the Detroit water system for 50 years.

Flint Victims File Lawsuit Accusing Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder of Federal Racketeering

By Gabrielle Bluestone, Gawker 04/07/16 8:49 AM

It's hard times for Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder, who oversaw the systematic poisoning of one town and now can't even drink a clean glass of water or watch a debate without protestors ruining everything. Now he has a federal racketeering lawsuit to contend with as well.

This Lawsuit Against Rick Snyder Over the Flint Water Crisis Is Brilliant

By Charles P. Pierce, Esquire 04/07/16

Let us return this week to the great state of Michigan, where people are still wondering why their tap water looks like a Vulcan's blood and what Rick Snyder, their narcoleptic governor, is doing about it. Some of these folks have found a new and innovative way of answering that question. Let's Google "Snyder RICO" and see what pops, shall we?

State claims immunity in one Flint water lawsuit

Tresa Baldas, Detroit Free Press 04/06/16 8:43 PM

As the Flint water crisis continues to stir public outrage, the state of Michigan is trying to dig its way out from under a pile of lawsuits — including one that now has the state claiming immunity. In a court filing this week, attorneys for the state and Gov. Rick Snyder asked U.S. District Judge John Corbett O'Meara to dismiss a class action lawsuit filed on behalf of Flint residents, claiming the the state is immune from liability under the U.S. Constitution.

Michigan governor faces racketeering lawsuit over Flint water crisis

By Ryan Felton, The Guardian 04/06/16 2:04 PM

A federal racketeering lawsuit by hundreds of resident in Flint, Michigan, is alleging the city's two-year water crisis was the result of an "intentional scheme" crafted by state officials and Michigan's governor, Rick Snyder, to balance the city's budget.

Other News

Fed'l Watchdog to Interview Flint Residents on Water Crisis

By Matthew Daly AP for ABC News 04/07/16 12:46 PM

Federal investigators are heading to Flint, Michigan, this weekend to interview residents who complained early on to the federal government about problems with the city's water supply. The inspector general's office at the Environmental Protection Agency says more than 100 people submitted complaints to the agency or the White House between April 2014 — when the city's

water supply was switched to the Flint River — and October 2015, when a public health emergency was declared.

Michael Moore calls Flint water crisis 'a form of ethnic cleansing'

By Emily Monacelli, MLIVE 04/07/16 10:40 AM

Michael Moore took to the stage Wednesday in Kalamazoo, reiterating calls for Gov. Rick Snyder to be arrested and calling the Flint water crisis a "form of ethnic cleansing." In his first public appearance since being hospitalized for pneumonia in February, the filmmaker and Flint native focused on the Flint water crisis but also voiced his support for presidential candidate Bernie Sanders over Hillary Clinton, criticized the media, talked about the high cost of a college education and discussed gun control.

There's Another Terrible Public Health Crisis in Michigan

By Eric Pianin, Yahoo News 04/05/16 6:15 AM

The nation is rightly outraged over the scandal in Flint, Michigan, where an estimated 8,000 children in the mostly poor and black community may have been exposed to high levels of lead in their drinking water for the past two years before the scandalous mismanagement of the city's water system was finally exposed.

Beyond Flint

Special Report: Uncovering Flint – Could it happen here?

By Anita Blanton, 10 WAVY 04/07/16 3:58 PM

A growing number of people across the nation, and even here in Hampton Roads, have concerns over their drinking water. Can you trust that the water you need to survive is really safe for you to drink? We've watched the crisis in Flint unfold. And then in January, high levels of contaminants called PFC's were discovered in the drinking water in Chesapeake at Fentress Naval Auxiliary Landing Field.

Finding the Money for America the Fixer-Upper

By George Shultz & John Cogan, Wall Street Journal 04/06/16 7:07 PM

Common sense and careful observation tell us that the water systems, roads and many other parts of America's infrastructure are badly in need of modernization and repair. The residents of Flint, Mich., certainly experienced firsthand their city's crumbling water system. Americans who travel by car this summer will dodge potholes and bounce over uneven roads, highways and outdated bridges.

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